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## **Racing Rule Would Create New Program to Test Harness Horses for Doping**

### **NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES**

Date of Proposal: July 11, 2007

Proposal Number: PRN 2007-242

Proposal Description: The proposal is to create, through enactment of a new rule, a new testing program to determine whether harness horses have been given blood "doping" agents to enhance their performance. Through the proposed new rule, the Racing Commission would implement a testing protocol that would include a direct test for the prohibited foreign substances Epogen and or DarbEPO. In addition, the proposed rule would authorize the Racing Commission to take race horse blood samples on non-race days and prior to races on race day (currently, the Commission takes only post-race blood samples.) The Racing Commission is pursuing an expanded testing methodology because it believes that Epogen, DarbEPO and other blood doping agents continue to be administered to a limited number of horses prior to competition.

Summary of Proposal: A detailed summary of the proposed rule is posted on the New Jersey Racing Commission Web site at:

[www.njpublicsafety.org/racing/proposed.html](http://www.njpublicsafety.org/racing/proposed.html)

Public Comment: Public comment will be accepted until September 14, 2007. Please direct all comments to:

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